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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasuhiro IZAWA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1764

Application No.: 10/690,531

Examiner: K. HANDAL

Filed: October 23, 2003

Docket No.: 116944

For: FUEL REFORMING APPARATUS AND FUEL CELL SYSTEM

APPLICANTS' SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the March 22, 2006 personal interview, Applicants herein provide a separate record of the personal interview. Applicants also appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiners Handal and Neckel to Applicants' representative.

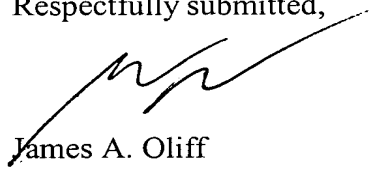
During the personal interview, Applicants' representative traversed the rejection of claims 1-4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 22-24, 27, 28, 31, 32, 34 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Berlowitz et al. (Berlowitz), U.S. Publication No. 2003/0082419. The arguments presented were based on the arguments in the February 28, 2006 Amendment.

As agreed during the personal interview, Berlowitz fails to disclose the additional independent material supplying portion, as recited in claims 1 and 22. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn. It is also requested that the objections to the specification and claims and rejections over the remaining applied references be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing and the Amendment filed February 28, 2006, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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